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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT M-72 S

REF: NICOSIA 1037

1. REFTTEL REPORTED SETTLEMENT OF M-72 ANTI- TANK LAUNCHER
PROBLEM THROUGH AGREEMENT TO TWO- KEY ARRANGMENT, WITH
STORAGE IN TURK CYPRIOT POLICE STATION IN NICOSIA.

2. UNSYG SPECIAL REP OSORIO- TAFALL TOLD ME MAY 17
THAT NEW HITCH HAS ARISEN WHICH COULD CAUSE EMBARRASS-
MENT IF NOT SETTLED BY JUNE UNSC MEETING ON RENEWAL
OF UNFICYP MANDATE. ON MAKING FIRST INSPECTION OF
M-72 S UNFICYP FORCE COMMANDER GENERAL PREM CHAND FOUND THAT
OF 32 WEAPONS STORRED AT POLICE STATION, SOME 20, IN BOXES
ON BOTTOM OF PILE, CONTAINED LAUNCHERS ONLY BUT NO ROCKETS.
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OSORIO MENTIONED THIS TO TCPA LEADER DENKTASH AT SOCIAL
FUNCTION WE ATTENDED MAY 17, AND DENTKASH ANSWERED THAT
MATTER WAS OUTSIDE HIS CONTROL. OSORIO SAYS THIS MEANS
THAT TURKISH MILITARY ARE FREEWHEELING.

3. COMMENT: REMOVAL OF ROCKETS IS STUPID AND SHORTSIGHTED
MILITARY MOVE WHICH HAS INFURIATED PREM CHAND AND OSORIO. IF
CANNOT SETTLE THIS ONE QUIETLY AND DIRECTLY WE MAY WISH TO RE
COMMEND WEIGHING IN WITH TURKS IN VIEW OF UNAUTHORIZED
DIVERSION OF MAP M-72 S TO CYPRUS.
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